

# SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO PLANNING GROUP (SSDPG)

## **SPECIAL MEETING Minutes**

March 25, 2013, 6:00 PM to 7:45PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS (6:07PM):** Paul Sweeney, Andrea Carter (6:38PM), Robert Leif , Vincent Noto, Reynaldo PISAÑO, Maria Riveroll, James Lawrence, Xavier Aguirre, and Georgette Gomez (7:22PM). Members Absent: Jerry Guzman.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve as presented.  
Leif/Pisaño

MSC 7-0-0

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Rivers commented on the Mosque on Imperial Avenue. He wishes to become a Board Member so that he can participate for his community. Mr. Rivers is concerned about the traffic signal at 17<sup>th</sup> and Imperial. There is a difficulty in making a left turn. He asked us to pursue the mitigation of that hazard (Martha Zapata gave him her contact info. Erik Anderson spoke up for Ocean View Blvd. I advised him of the clean-up the 9<sup>th</sup> District is planning for May.

4. **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Eighth District Council Office, (Martha Zapata):** Distributed Newsletter. Councilmember Alvarez authored and was able to have a Resolution regarding the support of a total and fair Immigration Reform passed at Rules Committee.

**Ninth District Council Office, (Drew Ector), not present.**

**Congresswoman Susan Davis Office: (Representative has not been appointed).**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. **Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2013.** Motion to approve the Minutes as presented.  
Leif/Lawrence MSC 6-0-1 (Womack not present last meeting).

- B. **Crown Castle –Sherman Heights sector for Sprint, located in the Logan Heights Neighborhood, Project #2990553, located at 1948 Kearney Ave., Renewal of existing permit no changes proposed.**  
Yumi Kim from CORE Development for Crown Castle, presented.

**Presentation:**

- Seeking renewal, not proposing any changes.
- From the bottom point of the antenna is 23' – *Committee responded that FCC requires 35' height. The City wants lower heights but it is not biologically safe. Studies have proven effects to the DNA. The prudent thing to do is to move the antenna up. We were emphatic on our concerns over the effects of the radiation on those spending 8 hours or more under the antenna area. The City has no one trained to measure the output of the microwaves. In the future will have a form advising Applicants what we will be looking for on these wireless projects.*
- This is a renewal of an existing project. *There are 3 antennae on the site...what is before us right now is the one in the parking lot. One of our members spoke to the two families "under" the towers. Their father died of cancer. The towers interfere with the telephone and internet connections.*
- Current Permit expired in 2010.
- Applicant has been working for renewal for two years to meet all the requirements for the City Review.

**Committee Concerns:**

1. On radiation report submitted they used a generic model, but did not physically visit the site.
2. Page 7 of 9, item 5 – consider radio frequencies. We are concerned about biological effects.

3. Increase the height to 40'.
4. A Certified Copy of the Consultant's compliance report (in English and Spanish) should be made available to adjacent property owners.
5. Post safety warning signs in English and Spanish.
6. Chain link fencing should be replaced by wrought iron (child-proof spaced bars).
7. Landscaping should meet City Standards.
8. Applicant-owner should
9. Beam should lose to 1% of its original energy before hitting the tallest adjacent pinnacle.
10. Implement all SDPD Recommendations.

**Motion: Recommend denial with permission to continue operating for one year- (With the above concerns and recommendations).**

**Leif/Lawrence**

**MSC 9-0-0**

In addition to the above state recommendations:

**Recommend constant metering of health and welfare of any persons in close proximity. Approve the Project provided that the City considers the vertical dimension and set all antennae no lower than FCC requirements.**

**Motion: Regarding the parking lot - the full perimeter, Current City standards should be met on fences, walls, lighting and landscaping.**

**Pisaño/Leif**

**MSC 9-0-0**

- C. Verizon Wireless at 3220 Commercial, Stockton Neighborhood, Project #259348, Installation of 8 items to accommodate wireless antennae at the SEC of 32<sup>nd</sup> and Commercial.** Mark Linman, Project Manager, presented.

**Presentation:**

- Bottom of the antennae is 39'.
- Cell tower, equipment shelter.
- Landscaping street frontage.
- The closest residence is 250'.
- 2 Variances. Over-height, and over amount of square feet for the equipment shed.
- He represents the Lessor.
- Everyone within 300' was notified by mail – property owners and tenants, both.

**Committee Concerns and Recommendation:**

1. Too many antennae coming into our area. (*Response: Demands for increased and more advanced data requirements require more antennae. We work on filling in the gaps for transmission*).
2. Obelisk design was recommended instead of the faux palm.
3. Access should be more securely blocked.
4. Replace the chain link fence and barbed wire.
5. Require that Verizon surrender the property without compensation upon an act of eminent domain. This surrender clause should be part of the part of the property's grand deed.
6. San Diego Police Department must be implemented.

**Motion: Place obelisk-type antennae. Must be metered frequently for microwave exposure.**

**Leif/Sweeney**

**MSC 8-0-2**

**D. Annual Elections for Planning Group Board Members.**

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Paul Sweeney, Stockton  
Andrea Carter, Grant Hill  
Robert Leif, Grant Hill  
James Brown, Logan Heights  
Vincent Noto, Sherman Heights  
Maria Riveroll, Mount Hope

James M. Lawrence, Logan Heights  
Jerry Guzman, Sherman Heights  
Xavier Aguirre, Sherman Heights  
Georgette Gomez, Various  
Reginald Womack, Logan Heights

We have 3 vacancies.

**E. Election of Officers. Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer**

**New Officers**

Maria Riveroll, Mount Hope, Chair  
Andrea Carter, Grant Hill, Vice Chair  
Georgette Gomez, Various, Secretary  
Reginald Womack, Stockton, Treasurer

**F. Adjournment 7:58PM**

*Maria Riveroll, Chair (619) 264-5373*